

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, past office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **CLAMPING DEVICE FOR SHOELACES OR SIMILAR FASTENER MEANS**, which is described and claimed in

- ☐ the attached specification.
☒ the specification in application 10/581,288, filed on June 1, 2006
 and amended on _____ (if applicable).
☒ International (PCT) application No. PCT/EP2004/013537, filed on November 29, 2004
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **OLIVER BREUER**, have made a certain new and useful invention for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application may be identified in the United States Patent Office as Serial No. **10/581,288**, filed June 1, 2006 and entitled:

CLAMPING DEVICE FOR SHOELACES OR SIMILAR FASTENER MEANS(Executed: 03/27/2007.)

WHEREAS, **DEELUXE SPORTARTIKEL HANDLES GMBH**, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Austria and having its principal place of business in Ladestraße, A-6330 Kufstein, Austria, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and set over unto the said **DEELUXE SPORTARTIKEL HANDLES GMBH**, and said assignee's legal representative, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all applications including the aforesaid application, for Letters Patent heretofore and hereafter filed in the United States or any other country and which may be based in whole or in part on said inventions and discoveries, and in and to any and all Letters Patent heretofore or hereafter granted by the United States or any other country and which may be based in whole or in part on said inventions and discoveries, said assignment including the right to file and prosecute any and all such applications and also including the right to sue and recover for any and all such applications and also including the right to sue and recover for any and all infringements of said patents; and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE the law firm of Boyle, Fredrickson, Newholm, Stein & Gratz, S.C. the power to insert in this instrument any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, I do hereby covenant for myself and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns that neither I nor any of my said heirs, legal representatives or assigns have or will execute any instrument or perform any act in conflict herewith and that I or my said heirs, legal representatives and assigns will at all times do such acts and execute such papers, without expense to myself, as may be necessary or desirable in order to fully protect said inventions and discoveries for the benefit of said assignee, its successors or assigns, and to otherwise carry into full force and effect the text and intent of this assignment.

Date:

27.03.2007

 Oliver Breuer